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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 28, 2007, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination along with the fee for the same is enclosed. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed due for consideration of the enclosed. However, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 12-2424, but not including the payment of issue fees.

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